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A Comment on the BNL Event

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$$\nu p \rightarrow \mu \Lambda \pi \pi \pi \pi$$

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Even within the charm scheme, the interpretation of the observed event

$$\nu p \rightarrow \mu \Lambda^0 \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$$

as production and subsequent decay of a charmed baryon at 2425 MeV is very suggestive, but not compelling.

In Table I, I reconstruct the kinematics of the observed event from the table in the preprint, which was unfortunately omitted in the published version. If we assume the track 1 as the muon, and the track 4, π^- (an unlikely identification, but a possible one nevertheless), then the event can be fitted with

$$\nu p \rightarrow \mu^- \Lambda^0 \pi^+ F^+$$

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where F^+ is a bound state (cs). The mass of F^+ is then 2.29 GeV (2.12 GeV) if we assume tracks 2,5,4 (3,5,4) are the decay products of F^+ .

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TABLE I.

Track	Charge	E	${ t P}_{f x}$	Py	${ t P}_{{f z}}$	
1	-	1.22	1.125	-0.445	-0.110	$\pi^-(\mu^-)$
2	+	0.20	0.134	-0.048	-0.025	π+
3	+	0.60	0.571	+0.012	-0. 134	+ π
4	-	9.79	9.709	+0.918	-0.853	μ (π)
5	+	0.25	0.080	+0.031	+0.193	+ π
6		0.51	0.411	-0.106	+0.240	π ,
7	+	1.87	1.485	-0.379	+0.516	р

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